

**Decision Record and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for the
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**

- I. Decision:
It is my decision to authorize the noncompetitive mineral material exploration application, AA-77835, approximately one mile south of the Anvik airstrip, Anvik Alaska, to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Mitigation measures for the Proposed Action are identified in the attached environmental assessment. This decision incorporates by reference the attached stipulations to the permit.
- II. Rationale for the Decision:
The applicant, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, needs the mineral material and soils information to plan for a major upgrade to the Anvik airstrip. The decision to authorize the Proposed Action will not result in any significant environmental impact and is in conformance with applicable land use plans, and BLM regulations and policy.
- III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):
Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.
- IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:
The proposed mineral material exploration would not result in a significant restriction of subsistence use because no significant reduction in harvestable resources, availability of resources resulting in changes in migration, location, or distribution of such resources have been identified.

/S/ Peter Ditton
Anchorage Field Manager, Acting

12-16-01
Date

Attachments

- 1 - AK-040-02-EA-006
- 2 - Stipulations

Stipulations for Anvik Mineral Material Exploration

1. If during ground clearance, evidence is exposed shown that grave sites or other significant archeological or cultural resources are exposed, the contractor will immediately cease clearing operations until the significance of the resources are assessed. BLM working in consultation with the SHPO and local interests would assess the significance and decide on the appropriate actions.
2. To avoid collisions with local villagers and wildlife, the trucks and equipment will operate in a safe manner including speed limits as dictated by road conditions. The contractor shall be responsible for safety training and instruction to the equipment operators.
3. Excavation and clearing activities shall occur between August 31 through April 15 to avoid impacting potential peregrine falcon nesting sites. If the work cannot be completed this winter, a one year extension will be granted to complete the work next winter.
4. The contractor will provide, free of charge to the village residents, the timber resources that will be removed during the project.
5. All topsoil will be stockpiled for re-spreading when final reclamation occurs. All solid waste, other than waste rock and topsoil stockpiles, will be removed from the site and properly disposed of at an approved facility.